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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Copy of letter dated the 6th February 1947, from the Sind Assembly Congress Party, Swaraj Bhuvan, Karachi, to the Prime Minister. Government of Madras, Madras.

Dear and Esteemed Friend,

The first and Budget sessions of the new Sind Legislative Assembly is scheduled to commence on the 17th instant. From Press reports and otherwise you, I hope, must have formed a fair idea of the circumstances under which the new Sind Assembly has come into being and the detrimental consequences to the minority communities in Sind in particular and the people of the Province in general which have and are resulting therefrom.

My party is anxious to do all it can to combat the results of these consequences and to secure for the minority communities proper safeguards and concessions for the preservationx of of their legitimate rights and interests. To this end it would be helpful if we knew the safeguards provided and the concessions made, if any, to the minority Muslim community in your Province in matters relating to Education, Services, Trade, in control articles and allied matters.

I shall, therefore, be much beholden if you will kindly be so good as to have sent to me with all convenient despatch particulars in regard to the above, as also copies of any literature (in English, Hindi, Urdu, Gujrati or Marhati) that may have been published by your Government or by your Congress Party or by our Provincial Congress Committee in relation to treatment to Muslim community in your Province.

Any other information or literature allied to or in relation to this matter would also be welcomed and gratefully received.

Thanking you in anticipation of a very early xxxx reply.

Copy of letter Ref.No.524/47-3, dated 2nd September 1947, from the Chief Secretary, Public (Elections) Department, Government of Madras, to the Honorary Secretary, Sind Assembly Congress Party, "Swaraj Bhuvan", Karachi. (with enclosures)

Sub: Muslims - Concession granted - Particulars.
Ref: Your letter dated 6-2-1947.

With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to forward a note giving the particulars of concessions granted to Muslims in this Province, in the matter of Education, representation in Public Services, etc. No literature has been published on the subject by this Government.

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Public (Elections) Department.

CONCESSIONS SHOWN TO MUSLIMS.

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I EDUCATION.

(i) Maintenance of separate schools for Muslims:- The policy of the Government of Madras is to maintain separate schools for muslims only in centres having a large population of muslims. In places where there are no separate schools, facilities are provided for the education of muslims in non-muslim schools. The Government have been opening secondary schools for muslim boys and girls as and when necessary.

(ii) Provision of teaching of Urdu;- Even though Urdu is not a regional language of this Province, the Government have provided for instruction being given in Urdu and through the medium of Urdu to muslim students wherever possible. In Andhra Districts all Muslim Elementary Schools have Urdu as the medium of instruction. In elementary schools for non-muslims Urdu is not taught to pupils unless the number of muslims is sufficiently large to justify the appointment of an Urdu teacher and it has been done in the case of a few schools. In secondary schools for muslims Urdu is the first language and it is the medium of instruction. In other schools which are open to all, if the number of muslim pupils is sufficiently large, arrangements have been made to teach them Urdu, though the medium of instruction in other subjects is the regional language.

(iii) Provision of religious instruction:- The Government have made adequate provision for giving religious instruction to muslim students in the Government Muslim College, Madras and in all Government Secondary and training schools specially intended for muslims. Local bodies have also been permitted to incur expenditure from their funds on the provision of religious instruction for muslims; instructions have also been issued that in local board and municipal schools chiefly intended for muslims, religious instruction may be imparted within school hours. In schools not specially intended for muslims permission has been given to hold quran classes in the school premises subject to the condition that the classes are held out of school hours without detriment to the regular working of the schools and without any extra cost to Government.

(iv) Provision of scholarships:- The Government have provided sufficient number of scholarships for muslim boys and girls studying in schools and colleges. They have also provided 150 residential scholarships for poor deserving Mappilla girl pupils who live in the hostel attached to the Government Secondary School for girls, Tirur (Malabar District). Each scholarship is of the value of Rs.7-8-0 a month and is tenable for ten months in the year.

(v) Admission of pupils into Government Arts and Professional Colleges:-

While making selections for admission to all classes in colleges, the greatest care is exercised by the Selecting authorities in seeing that due representation is given to non-Brahmans, to all minority communities, to muslims, to scheduled classes and to women. The fact that candidate

amend the M.C.M.Act, 1919 to achieve the above object is before the legislature.

(ii) Local Board and Municipal Services: The Government have framed rules to protect the interests of various communities including muslims in regard to appointments to posts under district boards. In the Madras Municipal Engineering Service and the Madras ~~Local~~ Local Authorities Electrical Engineering Service, muslims are eligible for two out of every 12 appointments. As regards general educational qualification the minimum per centage of marks in the S.S.L.C. Examination prescribed for a muslim for appointment to the Ministerial Service under District Boards and Municipal Councils in the subjects of "English" and a "Language" is 35 as against 40 generally required.

Under the existing rule regarding the qualifications for Medical Officers in Ayurvedic, ~~Hmmmm~~ Unani or Siddha hospitals or dispensaries under the administrative control of Municipal Councils and District Boards, the age limit for the appointment of Medical Officers in institutions of India Medicine is 27 and in the case of Muslims and scheduled classes the age limit has been raised to 30.

Public (Elections) Deptt.

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There is no further action in this file. The papers may be recorded in a G.O. for facility of future reference.

PUBLIC (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.2803. Dated 9th September 1947.

ABSTRACT.

BACKWARD COMMUNITIES - Muslims - Concessions granted - Particulars - Papers recorded.

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